GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3066
ANSWERED ON:16.03.2001
PROCUREMENT OF RICE
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government had permitted procurement of Swarna Masoor variety ofpaddy at Rs. 540 quintal and also relaxation of a mixture of lower class in Grade A rice by March 31, 2001;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Andhra Pradesh has requested to continue this concession for the Rabi crop to facilitate the millers to purchase paddy;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether requests of Andhra Pradesh Government has been accepted by the Government; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI CHAUHAN)

(a) & (b) Yes, Sir. On consideration of the persistent demand of the Government of Andhra Pradesh, the Government has increased the limit of admixture of lower class in Grade A rice from 10% to 13% and, also, permitted procurement of Swarana Masuri (MTU 7029) variety of paddy at the rate of Rs. 540/- per quintal, up to 31st March, 2001.

(c),(d),(e)&(f) The Andhra Pradesh Government has requested to continue these concessionsfor the Rabi crop also. No decision has been taken in the matter.